

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-19 are pending. Of these, claims 1, 11 and 18 are written in independent format.

**§103 Rejection**

Beginning on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,633,888 (“the ‘888 Patent”) to Stewart in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,649,000 (“the ‘000 Patent”) to Lee et al. This rejection is traversed.

The ‘888 Patent teaches that hopping is initiated by mobile unit step 501, in col. 10, lines 10-15. Similarly, the ‘000 Patent teaches that the mobile unit initiates a handoff; see col. 7, lines 54-58. There, the ‘000 Patent teaches that when a pilot signal receiver 60 within a mobile unit determines that all intensity values are lower than a threshold value, then a controller 64 within the mobile unit sends a different frequency handoff request to a cellular control system 10.

A distinction over each of the ‘888 and ‘000 Patents of method claim 1 is initiating via a master device, unregistration at a controller. Again, the ‘888 and ‘000 Patents teach mobile-initiated hopping/handover, which is different than master-device-initiated unregistration.

A distinction over the ‘888 and ‘000 Patents of independent claim 18 (for example) is monitoring a strength at the master device for a signal transmitted by the dependent. As mobile-initiated hopping/handover technologies, the ‘888 and ‘000 Patents contemplate some sort of signal strength monitoring taking place at the mobile unit, not at a master device.

Claims 2-10 and 19 depend at least indirectly from claims 1 and 18, and at least similarly distinguish over the applied art, respectively.

In view of the foregoing discussion, the rejection is improper and withdrawal is requested.

**Allowed Claims 11-17**

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 11-17.

**CONCLUSION**

The issues raised in the Office Action are considered to be resolved. Accordingly, Applicant again requests a Notice of Allowance.

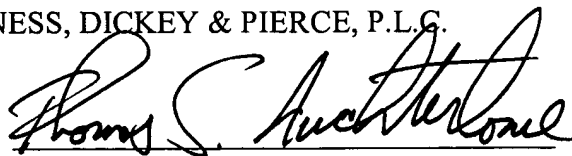
If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any underpayment or non-payment of any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750, including, in particular, extension of time fees.

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